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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants in the waiting list for telephone connections in the country as on date, State-wise and circle-wise; and

(b) the time by which the Government proposes to provide connections to the applicants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of applicants in the waiting list for telephone connections (in BSNL and MTNL) in the country as on 31st October 2007, State-wise/circle-wise are given in the Annexure.

(b) The pending waiting list for mobile is only in NE-II circle of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) which is expected to be cleared by January 2008. Most of the pending waiting list for fixed line telephones including WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) is expected to be cleared by BSNL by the end of September 2008 progressively subject to the availability of equipment.